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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MAY 1985	APRIL 1985	MARCH 1985	MAY 1984
Total civilian labor force ^a	12,689	12,817	12,818	12,422
Total civilian employment	11,785	11,877	11,928	11,460
Total unemployment	904	940	890	962
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	7.1	7.3	6.9	7.7
Range ^b	6.5-7.7	6.7-7.9	6.3-7.5	7.1-8.3
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.5
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force ^a	12,617	12,705	12,715	12,350
Total civilian employment	11,780	11,784	11,781	11,458
Total unemployment	837	921	934	892
Unadjusted rate (percent) ^c	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.2
Range ^b	6.0-7.2	6.7-7.9	6.7-7.9	6.6-7.8

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 1985 was 7.1 percent, down from the 7.3 percent in April 1985 and down from the 7.7 percent in May 1984. The national seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was 7.3 percent. During May in California, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 92,000 over the month while unemployment decreased by 36,000. Since May of 1984, total seasonally adjusted employment in California has increased by 325,000 while unemployment has decreased by 58,000. During the last twelve months, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has declined from 7.7 percent in May of 1984 to 7.1 percent in May of 1985.

During May 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 42,200 jobs to a record high of 10,845,900. With the exception of mining, which reported a slight decrease in employment, all sectors of the California economy reported increased employment. The largest numerical increase in employment occurred in retail trade which was up by 15,500 over the month. The second largest increase, 9,300, and the largest percentage increase, two percent, was reported by the construction sector. Since May of 1984, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 309,700. In April 1985, the average weekly earnings in manufacturing were \$399.99. The average number of hours worked per week was 39.8.

TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA^{1/}
(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MAY 1985	APRIL 1985	MARCH 1985	MAY 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,617	12,705	12,715	12,350
Employed	11,780	11,784	11,781	11,458
Unemployed	837	921	934	892
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.2
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,713	6,825	6,779	6,489
Employed	6,316	6,331	6,321	6,049
Unemployed	397	495	458	440
Unemployment Rate	5.9	7.2	6.8	6.8
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,194	5,161	5,225	5,075
Employed	4,859	4,857	4,878	4,761
Unemployed	335	303	346	316
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.9	6.6	6.2
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	710	720	711	786
Employed	605	596	581	650
Unemployed	105	123	130	137
Unemployment Rate	14.8	17.2	18.3	17.4
White				
Labor Force	10,764	10,869	10,875	10,429
Employed	10,070	10,122	10,125	9,721
Unemployed	694	747	749	708
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.8
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,853	1,836	1,840	1,921
Employed	1,710	1,662	1,655	1,737
Unemployed	143	174	185	184
Unemployment Rate	7.7	9.5	10.1	9.6

^{1/} Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS^{a/} OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING
IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984
California	\$399.99	\$404.81	\$393.41	39.8	40.4	40.6	\$10.05	\$10.02	\$9.69

^{a/} Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR MAY PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 85	PREVIOUS MONTH APRIL 85	YEAR AGO MAY 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,845.9	10,803.7	10,536.2	42.2	309.7	0.4	2.9
Mining	49.4	49.8	49.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.8	-0.6
Metal Mining	1.4	1.6	1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-12.5	-6.7
Fuel Mining	41.2	41.4	41.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5
Nonmetal Mining	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	469.2	459.9	440.4	9.3	28.8	2.0	6.5
General Building Contractors	125.8	121.1	115.8	4.7	10.0	3.9	8.6
Heavy Construction	61.1	60.5	62.6	0.6	-1.5	1.0	-2.4
Special Trade Contractors	282.3	278.3	262.0	4.0	20.3	1.4	7.7
Manufacturing	2,050.8	2,049.5	2,038.8	1.3	12.0	0.1	0.6
Nondurable Goods	632.1	631.8	637.6	0.3	-5.5	0.0	-0.9
Durable Goods	1,418.7	1,417.7	1,401.2	1.0	17.5	0.1	1.2
Food and Kindred	163.2	161.3	166.2	1.9	-3.0	1.2	-1.8
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.6	5.5	7.4	0.1	-1.8	1.8	-24.3
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	44.8	43.3	45.4	1.5	-0.6	3.5	-1.3
Other Food and Kindred Products	112.8	112.5	113.4	0.3	-0.6	0.3	-0.5
Textile Mill Products	14.6	14.5	14.2	0.1	0.4	0.7	2.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	108.1	108.9	109.7	-0.8	-1.6	-0.7	-1.5
Paper and Allied Products	38.2	38.2	38.6	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.0
Printing and Publishing	140.5	141.2	137.0	-0.7	3.5	-0.5	2.6
Chemicals and Allied Products	64.1	64.1	64.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.4	28.3	30.4	0.1	-2.0	0.4	-6.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	66.5	66.9	68.5	-0.4	-2.0	-0.6	-2.9
Leather and Leather Products	8.5	8.4	8.7	0.1	-0.2	1.2	-2.3
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	55.1	53.8	56.8	1.3	-1.7	2.4	-3.0
Furniture and Fixtures	59.3	60.3	58.8	-1.0	0.5	-1.7	0.9
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.5	49.8	52.1	0.7	-1.6	1.4	-3.1
Primary Metal Industries	40.7	41.1	42.3	-0.4	-1.6	-1.0	-3.8
Fabricated Metal Products	141.6	141.0	144.9	0.6	-3.3	0.4	-2.3
Machinery except Electrical	233.1	233.8	237.5	-0.7	-4.4	-0.3	-1.9
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	403.1	404.3	390.8	-1.2	12.3	-0.3	3.1
Transportation Equipment	287.9	286.3	273.7	1.6	14.2	0.6	5.2
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	34.7	34.8	33.8	-0.1	0.9	-0.3	2.7
Aircraft and Parts	150.6	149.1	139.3	1.5	11.3	1.0	8.1
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	16.4	16.6	19.9	-0.2	-3.5	-1.2	-17.6
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	74.5	74.1	69.3	0.4	5.2	0.5	7.5
Other Transportation Equipment	11.7	11.7	11.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.6
Instruments and Related Products	110.3	110.2	107.0	0.1	3.3	0.1	3.1
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.1	37.1	37.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	551.5	550.8	544.7	0.7	6.8	0.1	1.2
Transportation	310.8	310.0	301.8	0.8	9.0	0.3	3.0
Railroads	23.6	23.6	24.8	0.0	-1.2	0.0	-4.8
Trucking and Warehousing	126.7	126.2	122.2	0.5	4.5	0.4	3.7
Other Transportation	160.5	160.2	154.8	0.3	5.7	0.2	3.7
Communications	161.3	161.5	165.9	-0.2	-4.6	-0.1	-2.8
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	79.4	79.3	77.0	0.1	2.4	0.1	3.1
Wholesale Trade	672.4	666.9	637.9	5.5	34.5	0.8	5.4
Retail Trade	1,936.4	1,920.9	1,836.9	15.5	99.5	0.8	5.4
General Merchandise Stores	229.5	230.7	224.8	-1.2	4.7	-0.5	2.1
Food Stores	268.4	268.4	261.1	0.0	7.3	0.0	2.8
Other Retail Trade	1,438.5	1,421.8	1,351.0	16.7	87.5	1.2	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	705.1	703.3	691.2	1.8	13.9	0.3	2.0
Finance	350.5	349.2	344.5	1.3	6.0	0.4	1.7
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	189.3	189.1	184.9	0.2	4.4	0.1	2.4
Real Estate	147.3	147.1	144.7	0.2	2.6	0.1	1.8
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.0	17.9	17.1	0.1	0.9	0.6	5.3
Services	2,630.6	2,628.1	2,520.4	2.5	110.2	0.1	4.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	148.3	146.3	135.8	2.0	12.5	1.4	9.2
Personal Services	120.5	124.5	109.9	-4.0	10.6	-3.2	9.6
Business Services	656.2	654.2	611.1	2.0	45.1	0.3	7.4
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	161.7	160.5	152.9	1.2	8.8	0.7	5.8
Motion Pictures	79.3	82.2	81.7	-2.9	-2.4	-3.5	-2.9
Amusement and Recreation Services	118.2	115.2	113.2	3.0	5.0	2.6	4.4
Health Services	622.6	622.0	614.7	0.6	7.9	0.1	1.3
Other Services	723.8	723.2	701.1	0.6	22.7	0.1	3.2
Government	1,780.5	1,774.5	1,776.2	6.0	4.3	0.3	0.2
Federal Government	336.4	336.0	332.3	0.4	4.1	0.1	1.2
State and Local Governments	1,444.1	1,438.5	1,443.9	5.6	0.2	0.4	0.0
County	225.8	224.8	220.1	1.0	5.7	0.4	2.6
City	195.6	193.1	190.9	2.5	4.7	1.3	2.5
Education	753.5	751.3	768.0	2.2	-14.5	0.3	-1.9
Education State	149.5	149.8	148.0	-0.3	1.5	-0.2	1.0
Education Local	604.0	601.5	620.0	2.5	-16.0	0.4	-2.6
Other State and Local	269.2	269.3	264.9	-0.1	4.3	-0.0	1.6
State exc ed	177.6	177.4	174.0	0.2	3.6	0.1	2.1
Special District	91.6	91.9	90.9	-0.3	0.7	-0.3	0.8
Total Agriculture	369.3	318.0	389.0	51.3	-19.7	16.1	-5.1

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
APRIL 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT *
STATE TOTAL	12,705,200	11,784,000	921,200	7.3
Alameda	586,475	548,875	37,600	6.4
Alpine	1,025	975	50	4.5
Amador	7,875	7,025	850	10.8
Butte	67,325	59,825	7,500	11.1
Calaveras	8,425	7,475	950	11.3
Colusa	8,300	7,300	1,000	12.1
Contra Costa	346,225	326,825	19,400	5.6
Del Norte	6,875	5,775	1,100	16.1
El Dorado	47,000	43,400	3,600	7.7
Fresno	293,100	252,100	41,000	14.0
Glenn	10,725	9,450	1,275	11.9
Humboldt	48,875	43,675	5,200	10.6
Imperial	44,700	30,000	14,700	32.9
Inyo	10,175	9,325	850	8.3
Kern	216,400	190,900	25,500	11.8
Kings	30,575	26,725	3,850	12.6
Lake	16,125	13,975	2,150	13.4
Lassen	9,100	7,825	1,275	14.0
Los Angeles	3,914,000	3,618,000	296,000	7.6
Madera	31,350	27,025	4,325	13.8
Marin	124,850	120,250	4,600	3.7
Mariposa	4,825	4,200	625	13.0
Mendocino	31,725	28,325	3,400	10.7
Merced	70,550	59,475	11,075	15.7
Modoc	4,725	4,225	500	10.5
Mono	5,150	4,750	400	7.8
Monterey	149,700	133,500	16,200	10.8
Napa	40,525	37,800	2,725	6.7
Nevada	23,700	21,600	2,100	8.9
Orange	1,324,700	1,275,600	49,100	3.7
Placer	62,600	58,300	4,300	6.9
Plumas	7,725	6,200	1,525	19.8
Riverside	288,900	267,300	21,600	7.5
Sacramento	411,100	383,200	27,900	6.8
San Benito	12,000	9,475	2,525	21.0
San Bernardino	387,400	361,000	26,400	6.8
San Diego	894,100	847,600	46,500	5.2
San Francisco	394,475	372,400	22,075	5.6
San Joaquin	178,000	154,000	24,000	13.5
San Luis Obispo	81,250	76,750	4,500	5.5
San Mateo	329,875	317,875	12,000	3.6
Santa Barbara	170,000	160,800	9,200	5.4
Santa Clara	891,500	848,000	43,500	4.9
Santa Cruz	101,900	91,500	10,400	10.2
Shasta	52,350	45,275	7,075	13.5
Sierra	1,125	875	250	23.2
Siskiyou	17,225	14,275	2,950	17.1
Solano	103,550	95,075	8,475	8.2
Sonoma	158,000	148,100	9,900	6.3
Stanislaus	135,700	112,100	23,600	17.4
Sutter	23,275	18,300	4,975	21.3
Tehama	15,475	13,275	2,200	14.2
Trinity	5,475	4,550	925	16.9
Tulare	128,300	110,600	17,700	13.8
Tuolumne	14,800	12,900	1,900	12.9
Ventura	274,200	257,100	17,100	6.2
Yolo	60,000	54,100	5,900	9.8
Yuba	20,000	16,900	3,100	15.5

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.